American Actions Affecting Indian Textile Exports

†1508. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news items appeared under the title "India's textile exports to US receive major blow" appearing in Economic times dated 23rd November, 1999;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that America deliberately taken such actions as the Indian textile export industry suffers losses; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the steps taken by Government to prevent the loss of textile export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to some other news reports, there are differences in the versions of the Bill passed by the Senate and that passed by the House of Representatives and the future of the legislation remains uncertain. However, further details are being ascertained.

Imports By Textile Industry in the Country

1509. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports in textile industry in the country have been increasing during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of import in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, till date;

(c) the details regarding the varieties and the quantity of cloth imported and from which countries;

(d) whether any study has been made to ascertain the need for such import; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Governemnt thereto?

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